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FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Free Public Library

OF THE

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

NEW BEDFORD:
MERCURY PUBLISHING CO., CITY PRINTERS,
1900.

Officers of the Free Public Library.

FOR THE YEAR 1900.

TRUSTEES,

Ex-officio. Terms expire January 1901.

CHARLES S. ASHLEY, Mayor of the City.
JOHN L. G. MASON, President of the Common Council.
CHARLES H. LAWTON, Chairman of the Committee of the City Council on Public Instruction.

Elected by the City Council.

FRANCIS M. KENNEDY,	Term expires April, 1901.
LEMUEL LEB. HOLMES,	Term expires April, 1901.
WALTER S. ALLEN,	Term expires April, 1902.
WILLIAM L. SAYER,	Term expire April, 1902.
ISAAC B. TOMPKINS, JR.,	Term expire April 1900.
MATHEW C. JULIEN,	Term expire April 1900.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD,
THE MAYOR.

CLERK,
WILLIAM L. SAYER.

COMMITTEES,

On the Library—Messrs. JULIEN, HOLMES and SAYER.
On Finance—Messrs. TOMPKINS, KENNEDY and ALLEN.
On the Building—Messrs. HOLMES, ALLEN and LAWTON.
On Branch Reading Rooms—Messrs. JULIEN and LAWTON.

LIBRARIAN,
ROBERT C. INGRAHAM.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN,
B. W. PENNOCK.

CATALOGUER,
ANNA M. DEWOLF.

ASSISTANTS,
JOSEPHINE A. MERRICK, SUSIE H. GAMMONS, ETTA F. LAWRENCE, FLORENCE E. FARWELL, CLEMENT L. YAEGER.

DELIVERY STATION ATTENDANTS,

North Station—B. H. HUMPHRIES,
South Station—FRANK O' CONNOR.

PAGES,
EDWARD DAHILL, HERBERT AMES, GEORGE P. GIFFORD, Jr. ALTON DE MORANVILLE.

JANITOR,
YORICK W. AMES.

REPORT.

To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:

GENTLEMEN:—We report the circulation of books for the year 1899, for home use, 130,016. This is 18,513 less than in the year 1898 and 2,121 less than in 1897.

The larger circulation of 1898 was partly due to the strike which occurred in the mills at that time. The falling off of the circulation from that of 1897 is probably in some degree due to the fact that the Committee on Library has tried the experiment of refusing to duplicate current popular novels.

The reference use of the library has increased during the year. The part of the library where this work is pursued is not well situated and the student desirous of quiet is disappointed.

The number of books bound and re-bound during the year is 1,971, a slight increase over the year 1898. Many more should have been bound but lack of funds prevented.

The art department would be more appreciated were there more room in which to work.

In addition to a complete card catalogue of the photographs, a list is printed in the monthly bulletin with bibliographical notices of the artists and comments on the more important pictures.

There is in this department a collection of half-tone pictures representing many famous paintings. These are mounted on cards and put in circulation.

The reading rooms at the north and south parts of the city, are well patronized and highly appreciated.

In conclusion we suggest that with lack of room in every department of the library, the efficiency of the departments must suffer accordingly. We invite an early and thorough inspection of these various departments by the City Council.

Respectfully,

C. S. ASHLEY,
J. L. G. MASON,
C. H. LAWTON, Ex-Officio.
W. S. ALLEN,
L. LEB. HOLMES,
M. C. JULIEN,
F. M. KENNEDY,
W. L. SAYER,
I. B. TOMPKINS, JR., Trustees.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR 1899.

Volumes added by purchase,	2,009
Volumes added by binding periodicals,	237
Volumes added by gift,	303
Volumes worn out and withdrawn,	722
Volumes worn out and replaced,	426
Net additions to the library in volumes,	1,827
Additions in the form of pamphlets, including gifts of library bulletins, reports, etc.,	779
Volumes bound and re-bound,	1,976
Periodicals in the reading room,	170
Newspapers in the reading room,	22
New cards issued,	1,076
Books drawn for home use,	130,016
Fiction and juveniles,	77.4 per cent.
Decrease of circulation from 1898,	18,513
Total number of volumes in the library,	72,508

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE 1899.

Total number, 2,955. Largest attendance was Feb. 19, 149. Smallest attendance was June 18, 25. Total attendance for 44 Sundays 2,955. Average attendance 67; an increase of 7 over the average for 1898.

January	1,	71		June	4,	40	
"	8,	85		"	11,	34	
"	15,	107		"	18,	25	
"	22,	119		"	25,	29	128
"	99,	99	481	September	3,	27	
February	5,	85		"	10,	34	
"	12,	83		"	17,	29	
"	19,	149		"	24,	45	135
"	26,	107	424	October	1,	47	
March	4,	91		"	8,	47	
"	12,	78		"	15,	52	
"	19,	67		"	22,	51	
"	26,	92	328	"	29,	67	264
April	2,	81		November	5,	62	
"	9,	60		"	12,	102	
"	16,	77		"	19,	76	
"	23,	35		"	26,	65	305
"	30,	46	299	December	3,	75	
May	7,	35		"	10,	106	
"	14,	34		"	17,	104	
"	21,	61		"	24,	58	
"	28,	42	172	"	31,	76	419

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 1899.

CITY APPROPRIATION.

To appropriation,		$11,680.00
By salaries and wages,	$9,420.52	
Freight charges,	26.38	
Carrying books to stations,	168.20	
Printing,	304.08	
Furniture and repairs,	95.93	
Binding,	987.20	
So. Mass. Telephone Co.,	42.00	
Supplies,	63.94	
Newspapers,	130.75	
Periodicals,	441.00	11,680.00

SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FUND.

To balance from old account,	$158.60
Income,	3,000.00
	$3,158.60
By books,	2,425.67
Balance,	732.93
	$3,158.60

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR. FUND.

To balance from old account,	$96.68
Income,	96.00
	$192.68
By Books,	$25.00
Balance,	167.68
	$192.68

CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

To balance from old account,	$57.84
Income,	60.00
	$117.84
By books,	$71.60
Balance,	46.24
	$117.84

JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

To balance from old account,	$57.69
Income,	30.00
	$87.69
By books,	$20.03
Balance,	67.66
	$87.69

OLIVER CROCKER FUND.

To balance from old account,	$ .22
Income,	60.00
	$60.22
By books,	$21.16
Balance,	39.06
	$60.22

GEORGE O. CROCKER FUND.

To balance from old account,	$402.15
Income,	400.00
	$802.15
By books,	$561.43
Balance,	240.72
	$802.15

CHARLES L. WOOD FUND.

To balance from old account,	$10.15
Income,	80.00
	$90.15
By books,	$41.97
Balance,	48.18
	$90.15

DOG FUND.

To Balance from old account,	$315.03
Received,	1,255.46
	$1,570.49

By supplies,	96.77	
Newspapers,	33.00	
Freight charges,	20.92	
Books,	80.75	
Furniture and repairs,	23.22	
Photographs,	306.74	
Binding,	56.10	$617.50
Balance,		952.99
		$1,570.49

READING ROOM FUND.

To Balance from old account,		$1,373.15
By Newspapers,	$110.00	
Lighting,	181.77	
Periodicals,	33.00	
Books,	28.80	
Binding,	14.00	
Sundries,	3.37	
Furniture,	60.66	$431.60
Balance,		941.55
		$1,373.15

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR 1899.

Salaries and wages,	$9,420.52
Purchase of books,	3,276.41
Periodicals,	474.00
Binding,	1,057.30
Newspapers,	273.75
Printing,	304.08
Freight,	47.30
Carrying books to stations,	168.20
Photographs and mounting,	306.74
Furniture and repairs,	179.81
Supplies,	160.71
Lighting (branches),	181.77
So. Mass. Telephone Co.,	42.00
Sundries,	3.37
	$15,895.96

Included in the above is $431.60, spent on the Branch Reading Rooms—(exclusive of salaries.)

GIFTS, 1899.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Adams, Charles Francis, Boston		1
Adams Nervine Asylum		2
Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia	1	
American Academy of Political and Social Science.		1
American Agriculturist	1	
American Anti-Imperialist League		2
American Anti-Vivisection Society		1
American Unitarian Association		1
Amherst College		1
Andover Theological Seminary		1
Atkinson, Edward A. 3 Nos.		2
Bancroft Whitney Company, San Francisco		1
Benton, J. H., Jr., Boston		1
Berry, John M.		1
Boston City Hospital		1
Boston Record Commissioners	1	
Bowdoin College Library		1
Brooks, Francis A.		1
Brownell, T. Frank, N. Y.	3	1
Buffalo Historical Society		1
Bunker Hill Monument Association	1	
Burton, C. M., Detroit, Mich.		1
Butler Hospital for the Insane		1
Cambridge Public Library	1	
Chase, Walter G.,		2
Christian Science Publishing Society		4
City of New Bedford	29	5
Colby College, Waterville, Me		1
Colby College Library	1	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	18	6
Cornell University Agricult. Experiment Station		22
Clarke School for the Deaf, Northampton, Mass		1
Clayton, Henry C., *M. C.*		1

Covell, Alexander H.	4	
Cutter, Abram E., Charlestown, Mass.		1
Daniels, George H		2
Davis, Walter A., Fitchburg, Mass		1
Emery, William M., New Bedford	9	
Estate of Wm. Adams Richardson	1	
Fabian Society, London		2
Fairmount Park Art Association, Philadelphia		1
Field Columbian Museum, Chicago. 13 Nos.	2	
Foote, Allen Ripley, Takoman Park, D. C.		2
Foster, L. S., N. Y., 1 photogravure		
Gardiner, Charles F., London	10	
Gifford, Charles H. New Bedford	1	
Gifford, Wm. L. R., Cambridge, Mass	3	
Gordon, F. G. R., Manchester, N. H.		1
Green, Dr. Samuel A., Boston	3	30
Green, William S., *M. C.*		1
Hartford Theological Seminary		2
Harvard University	1	3
Hoar, Hon. George F.		1
Houghton, Mifflin & Company	1	
Hills, William S., Boston		1
Hunt, Mrs. Abby T., New Bedford	2	6
Hutchinson, H. S., New Bedford	1	
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia		3
James, Henry B., New Bedford	1	
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. 4 Nos.		
Keen, James T., New Bedford		1
Kimball, Hazen, New Bedford		2
Kirby, William A., New Bedford	1	
Knowlton, Hosea M	1	
Lake Mohunk Conference of International Arbitration		1
Liberty Review Publishing Co.		1
Libraries:		
Catalogues, Bulletins and Reports:	Nos.	
Amherst College Library		2
Baltimore. Enoch Pratt Free Library	2	
Peabody Institute		1
Boston Public Library	14	2
Bridgewater Memorial Public Library		1
Brookline Public Library	5	1
Brooklyn Public Library		1
Free Lending Library		2
Buffalo Public Library		2
Burlington, Vt. Fletcher Free Library		3

Cambridge, Mass. Free Public Library	12	1
Harvard University Library	1	2
Cedar Rapids Masonic Library	13	
Chelsea. Fitz Public Library		1
Chicago Public Library		1
John Crerar Library		1
Cincinnati Public Library	6	1
Clinton, Mass. Bigelow Free Public Library		1
Danvers, Mass. Public Library		1
Peabody Institute		1
Dayton, Ohio. Public Library and Museum	1	1
Detroit Public Library		1
Fall River Public Library		1
Fitchburg Library	4	
Germantown. Friends' Library		1
Hartford Public Library	10	1
Hamilton, Canada. Public Library		1
Helena, Montana. Public Library	4	
Hopedale Public Library		1
Jersey City Public Library	9	1
Lawrence Public Library	4	1
Lincoln, England, Public Library		1
London, England, Library of St. Martin-in-the-Fields		1
Los Angeles Public Library		2
Lowell City Library	3	
Lynn Public Library		1
Malden Public Library		1
Medford Public Library		1
Milwaukee Public Library	3	
Minneapolis Public Library	1	1
Monmouth, Ill. Warren Co. Library	3	
New Haven. Free Public Library	7	1
New York City. Aguilar Free Library		1
General Soc. of Mechanics and Tradesmen		2
Mercantile Library Association	1	1
Public Library	12	
Washington Heights Free Library		1
New York State. University of the State of New York: State Library	5	1
Newark, N. J. Free Public Library		1
Newport. Redwood Library		1
Newton Free Library		1
Northampton. Forbes Library	4	1

Paterson, N. J. Public Library	3	1
Philadelphia. Apprentices Library Company		2
Library Company	1	1
Mercantile Library Company	2	1
Philadelphia Free Library		1
Pittsburg, Pa. Carnegie Library	10	2
Portland Public Library		1
Providence Athenæum	3	1
Providence Libraries	1	
Public Library	12	1
St. Louis Mercantile Library Association		1
Public Library		2
Salem Public Library	12	2
San Francisco Public Library	12	1
Seattle Public Library	16	
Somerville Public Library	10	1
South Weymouth, Fogg Library		1
Springfield. City Library Association	8	1
Syracuse. Central Library		1
Taunton Public Library	1	1
Waterbury, Conn. Bronson Library		3
Waltham Public Library	8	1
Washington. Library of Congress		1
Public Library of the District of Columbia		1
Watertown Library		1
Worcester Free Public Library	12	2
	Volumes.	
Library of the Missouri Botanical Garden		1
Littlefield, George E., Boston	3	
Lowell Textile School, Lowell, Mass		1
Malden City Government	1	
MacDonald, Arthur		3
Mackenzie College, Brazil		1
Maine Association	3 Nos.	
Manufacturers' Registration Co		1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology		2
Massachusetts Reform Club		1
Massachusetts Total Abstinance Society		2
Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association		1
Merchants Exchange, St. Louis, Mo	1	
Melville, Hon. George W		10
Merrick, Josephine A., New Bedford	1	
Mount Holyoke College, So. Hadley, Mass		1
Montauk Club of Brooklyn		2
National Single Tax, N. Y.		1
National Civil Service Reform League		2

New Bedford Cemetery Board		1
New Bedford Textile School		1
New England Water Works Association	3 Nos.	
New York Civil Service Reform Association		1
New York Farmers, New York City	1	
Newark, N. J., Free Public Library		1
Norman, Lionel, Boston		1
Northampton Insane Hospital		1
Nye, Mrs. Obed C., New Bedford	2	
Ohio Wesleyan University		1
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, Md.		1
Pennock, B. W., New Bedford	3	1
Perkins Institute and Massachusetts School for the Blind		1
Philadelphia Museum: School of Industrial Art	1	
Phillimore, Miss Catherine M	1	
Porter, Rev. Edward G.		1
Providence Machine Company	1	
Providence Municipal Government: Record Commissioners	1	
Purrington, Oliver B., New Bedford	2	
Quebec and Lake St. John Railway		1
Reinstein, J. B.		1
Rhode Island School of Design		1
Rogers, Edward H., Chelsea, Mass	1	3
Royal Society of Canada, Ottawa, Canada	1	
Saturday Evening Post, New York City		1
Sayer, William L., New Bedford	1	2
Sellers, Edwin Jaquett, Philadelphia		
Smith, H. H. H. C., Detroit	Ms. vol.	
Smithsonian Institution	8	5
Society of American Authors	4 Nos.	
Soldiers' Home in Mass., Trustees of, Chelsea	1	2
Sound Currency Committee of the Reform Club.	13 Nos.	
South Bristol Farmers' Club	1	
Swaim, Rev. Joseph S., N. Bedford, Photogravure.		1
Swain Free School, New Bedford.		1
Taber, Mrs. Annie N., New Bedford	5	
Tabor Academy, Marion, Mass		1
Taylor, C. F., Philadelphia.	1	2
Tompkins, Isaac B., Jr., New Bedford	5	
Trustees of Public Reservations, Mass		1
Tucker, Charlton, St. Albans, Herts., Eng	1	
Tucker, Ralph W., Boston		3

Underwood, Herbert S.	1	
United States Government:		
Adjutant General's Office	1	1
Bureau of Education	1	1
Civil Service Commission	1	2
Congress (Docs. in sheep)	112	
Coast and Geodetic Survey		1
Congressional Directory	1	
Court of Claims	1	
Department of Agriculture . . . . . 12 Nos.	1	77
Department of Labor . . . . . 12 Nos.	3	
Department of State	9	4
Department of War	17	77
Department of the Interior	5	19
Department of the Navy	2	14
Department of the Treasury	14	27
Geological Survey . . . . . Atlas and 10 folios.		
Interstate Commerce Commission	1	
Patent Office	5	3
Life Saving Service	2	
Library of Congress		2
Postoffice Department		1
Superintendent of Documents . . . . . 12 Nos.	1	3
Superintendent of Indian Schools		2
Supreme Court		1
University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.		1
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia	1	
University of Vermont: State Agricultural College, Burlington, Vt.		1
Volta Bureau, Washington, D. C.	1	5
Winthrop, Robert C., Jr.	1	
Woods, Miss Mary, New Bedford	2	
Worth, Benjamin, New Bedford	3	
Yale University	2	2

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Publishers.

The American Citizen, 1899. Bost., 1899. fo.

The American Sentinel, N. Y., 1899. fo. 25 Nos.

The Chicago Banker, Chicago, Ill., 1899. 8°.

The Co-operator. Olalla, Wash., 1899. fo.

The Forestor, Wash., D. C., 1899. 8°.

The Harlequin, New Orleans, 1899. fo.

L. A. W. Bulletin *now* Elliot's Magazine. Bost., 1899. 8°.

National Single Tax. N. Y., 1899. fo. 9 Nos.

The New Philosophy. Urbana, Ohio. 4°. 6 Nos.

O Arauto, Oakland, Cal., 1899. fo.

Paradise of the Pacific. Honolulu, 1899. 4°. 11 Nos.

The Primitive Methodists' Journal, Fall River, 1899. fo. 3 copies.

The Public, Chicago, 1899. 25 Nos.

Sunset, San Francisco, Cal., 1899. 8°.

Twentieth Century Religion, Cambridge, Mass., 1899. 12°.

Woman's Home Companion, 1899, V. 7, 1899. fo.

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The Saints Herald, 1899. Lamoni, Iowa, 1899. 8°.

Autumn Leaves, 1899. Lamoni, Iowa, 1899. 8°.

Temple Pub. Company. The Temple, Denver, Col. 8°. 10 Nos.

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In Board of Aldermen,

Mar. 8, 1900.

Received, ordered printed in the City Documents and sent down for concurrence.

D. B. LEONARD, City Clerk.

In Common Council,

3 mo., 8, 1900.

Concurred.

WM. A. MACKIE, Clerk.